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It's apple-picking time at Stowe Farm in Millbury, Mass., as Belgian horse "Susie" guides Nancy Johnson and son Brett to the perfect ripe tree. Thanks to George Stowe and Animal Control Officers Maura and Jay O'Connor for their assistance and hospitality. Stowe Farms is open through December and may be reached at 508.865.4818. Photo by Bob Howard.

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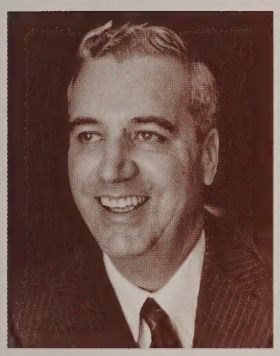
A Message from the President

Loving Pets Need Responsible Owners



Arthur G. Slade
President

The need to encourage kind and responsible pet ownership is still an ever-present necessity among the pet owning public. It takes various forms at various times as the problems and the circumstances change with the time, societal attitudes and cultural influences.

Today we run the range from outright violent abuse of animals, which leads to child abuse and other public outbreaks of violence towards people, to the careless disregard of pets as living creatures in an all too often throwaway society.

We have frequently talked about the current wave of violence and vicious abuse of animals by certain elements of our society, and this is obviously of critical importance. However, we should not lose sight of some of the other areas that require public awareness and continued education in an effort to change animal welfare issues. It is clear that education and public awareness do work in many cases and to this end we can be encouraged that greater success is possible. We are pleased that there is a noticeable reduction in the number of unwanted puppies coming into many shelters today, but the unwanted over-population of kittens and young cats continues.

Although there are somewhat fewer puppies coming into shelters, we are seeing an unfortunate increase in another aspect of a lack of owner responsibility. Increasingly, we see young dogs close to maturity that are being given up by their owners due to poor habits and a general lack of proper training. People become frustrated and sometimes angry with these dogs and, given society's disposable or throwaway attitude, these unfortunate animals end up being discarded through no fault of their own. It seems clear that we need to concentrate much more in our educational and public awareness programs on the importance of making a permanent, lifelong commitment to owning a pet. Part of such a lifetime obligation involves the treatment and training of the pet to be a good family member and the fact that the time commitment involved is not a minor one.

It may be somewhat encouraging that education can be effective in this area in light of the fact that counseling of some pet owners who want to give up their animals enables them to understand the nature of their pet's problem(s) and thus decide to keep them. There can be little question that shelter workers of the future will need to be skilled in this type of guidance. The other side to the same problem is the need for more careful and skillful screening of people who come to the shelters to adopt pets. Some of the problems I have made reference to above are caused by people who did not obtain their animals from a responsible shelter and the educational effort is thus complicated by the lack of this direct contact. The continuing challenge is seeking as many ways as possible to bridge this gap.

It is equally important to continue to stress the necessity for spaying and neutering pets. We have seen in many cases the positive results of these programs and, like most prevention programs, they need to continue with each new generation of pets.

We would encourage residents of Cape Cod who need financial assistance in spaying and neutering their pets to take advantage of the Marks Spay and Neuter Fund. This is available through our shelter in Brewster and you many learn more about this service by reading the article on page 8 of this magazine.

Rescue News

Rescue of the Quarter

"Scruffy"

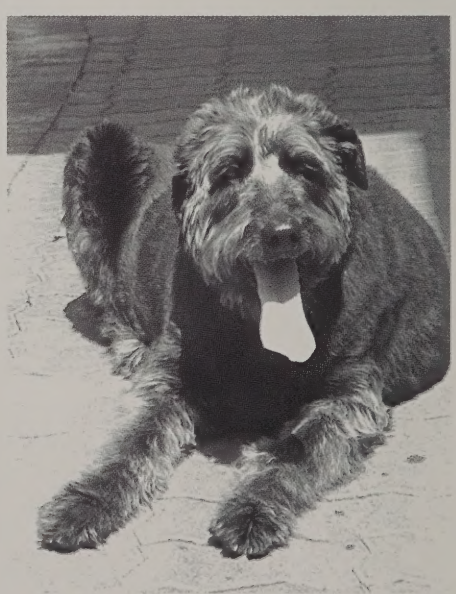
When "Scruffy" arrived at the Animal Rescue League of Boston's Dedham shelter she was a sad sight. It was almost hard to tell what breed she was because her fur was so matted and her body so misshapen. "Scruffy," a five-year-old Giant Schnauzer mix, arrived weighing 144 pounds, which is double the normal weight for her size and breed.

From the beginning, "Scruffy" held a special place in the hearts of the Dedham staff. She was allowed to sit on a blanket in the office during the day. There was no need to restrain her since she could barely move. Walking back to her cage was an exhausting effort for her. There was a long way to go but the staff knew this sweet, gentle, loving dog would someday make a perfect pet.

Four months passed and slowly "Scruffy" began losing her extra weight. Staff and volunteers alike spent countless hours taking her on walks and she was placed on a special diet. Everyone was elated when "Scruffy" slimmed down past the 100-pound mark. "Scruffy" had been available for adoption during this time but had yet to find a home. She was spotlighted at the League's Centennial Gala, her photo was placed on the League's Web site and she was also featured in The Dedham Times.

It was the newspaper article that attracted the attention of Doug and Natalie Bondar who came to visit "Scruffy." The Bondars soon welcomed "Scruffy" into their home and renamed her "Zoe." Doug Bondar tells us that "Zoe" is a very loving dog and that he looks forward to coming home to be greeted by her. He also reports that "Zoe" loves to ride in the car; in fact, sometimes she doesn't want to come back out of the car. Happily, "Zoe" now has the life she deserves. She lives with a loving family and gets plenty of exercise and attention.

There are many happy endings in our adoption centers but this rescue was particularly gratifying for everyone who had come in contact with "Scruffy/Zoe."



"Zoe" (formerly known as "Scruffy") poses for a press release photo which ultimately led her to her happy new family.

A Veterinary

UPDATE

by Bosmat Gal, D.V. M.

Pets Keep People Healthy

According to a 1998 survey, more than 70 percent of owners view their pets as children. People pamper their pets because of the strong "affection connection" they feel. In fact, 48 percent of pet owners depend emotionally on their pets, 89 percent think their pets understand much of what they say, and 83 percent would risk their lives for their pets, says the American Animal Hospital Association. These figures explain why we're the first generation to let pets sleep in our beds.

As we treat our pets better, we reap benefits. A strong bond with a pet can even mean a difference between life and death. In our hearts animals have evolved from companions to therapeutic, emotional, and social partners. Caring for a pet not only satisfies our desires to nurture and be needed and loved but also improves our overall emotional and physical health.

Discover why developing a close bond with animals can help ensure a long life for pets and people.

As we begin to understand the benefits of the human-animal bond, physicians may someday prescribe pet ownership. After all, animals foster stability, reduce stress, provide an emotional outlet, and aid socialization. More than a century ago, Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, wrote that pets made excellent companions for sick people, especially those with chronic illnesses. Recent studies have quantified what we've suspected for years.

1. ***Pets are good for your heart.*** Research shows pet ownership increases heart attack survival according to the American Journal of Cardiology.

2. ***Animals can help lower your blood pressure.*** Pet owners have significantly lower systolic blood pressure and blood triglycerides than people without pets, according to scientists at Baker Medical Institute in Australia. The researchers also say pet ownership can help prevent people from developing heart disease or slow its progression.

3. ***Owning pets can decrease stress.*** When patients participating in the University of Buffalo study were asked to do such stressful tasks as public speaking or reading aloud to an audience, they felt less stressed when dogs were present.

4. ***Pet owners are more physically fit.*** Most pet owners are more athletic and more satisfied with their health than people who don't own pets. They have lower blood cholesterol and fewer heart problems and visit the doctor less often, according to the 1994 "National People and Pets Survey" in Sydney, Australia.

5. ***Animals improve older people's outlook.*** Pets help senior citizens maintain social contacts and ease grief after a spouse's death. In a study of children, depressed patients and elderly people who live alone or in nursing homes, 12 out of 15 patients felt that animals lessened fears, despair, loneliness and isolation, according to a 1995 report in social work. In addition, living with a trusted pet dramatically increased senior citizens' sense of security, according to the Pet Food Institute in Washington D.C. The benefits are so consistent, one insurance company even reduced health insurance premiums for elderly pet owners.

6. ***Owning a pet can help your marriage.*** Couples with pets tend to have closer relationships, enjoy more frequent contact with each other, and are more satisfied with their marriages, according to Barbara De Angelis, Ph.D., author of several books.

7. ***Animals make great assistants.*** The earliest animal-assistance therapy program began at York Retreat in England in 1792, where mental patients' treatment included interacting with animals. Now dogs assist people with vision and hearing problems and other physical disabilities. The dogs also reduced the need for human assistance up to 78 percent. Social assistant dogs also can help people with burns, deformities, and severe obesity interact with others and gain acceptance. As this field grows, the terms animal-assisted activities and animal-assisted therapy will become more common. Animal-assisted activity includes housing pets at care facilities.

8. ***Pets provide stability and social buffers.*** Animals help children learn social behavior, tolerance, and sensitivity to others, say Maureen Fredrickson, acting president and CEO of the Delta society in Renton, Wash. Pets help develop nurturing skills and act as buffers in difficult situations. For children with disabilities, a pet can provide companionship and encourage interaction with others. At a recent World Small Animal Veterinary Association meeting it was reported that pets offer warmth, contact, and comfort and ease stress by providing social support, positive feedback, and a sense of well being. Children raised with animals show higher levels of nonverbal communication, social competence, and self esteem.

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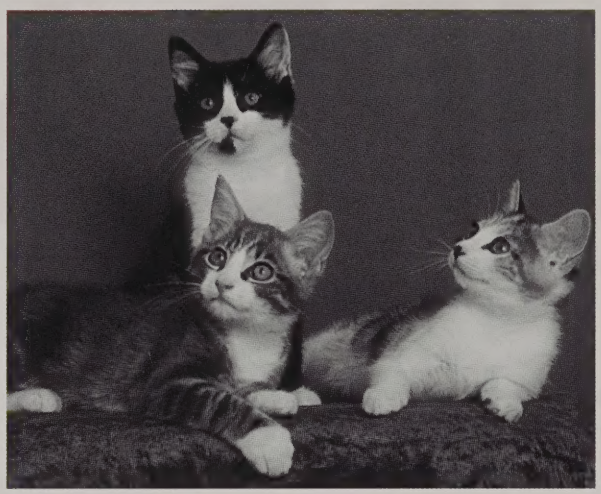


Who wouldn't want to adopt one of the adorable animals that Stephen Schneider presents so beautifully?

Volunteer Spotlight – Stephen Schneider

If you happen to be around the Salem-North Shore area, chances are you have seen Stephen Schneider's many cats, dogs, guinea pigs-and chickens. Schneider (who only owns one cat) volunteers his time, talents, and energy to the Salem branch of the League and creates and posts beautiful posters that spotlight Salem's homeless animals for adoption.

An attorney and psychotherapist, Schneider combined his interests to do juvenile assessment for the court system. In 1991, he picked up a camera and discovered the power that images held; this led to using photos for child abuse investigations. His camera work did not stop there. "I felt bad about the number of abandoned animals that are out there, and I wanted to put their faces out there," Schneider explains. So in October 1998, Schneider initiated the Pet Photo Project in Salem. Schneider captures the individual beauty and unique character of each animal in his photos. Set against brilliant blue backgrounds, the resulting images are professional, glossy, and above all, adorable! Posters feature 25-30 animals a month and are posted in shopping centers and other highly-trafficked areas around the North Shore. Newspapers such as the *Salem Evening News*, the *Lynn City Times*, and *The Malden Observer* also run Schneider's photos. Stephen's efforts have contributed to a recent rise in Salem's adoption rate.

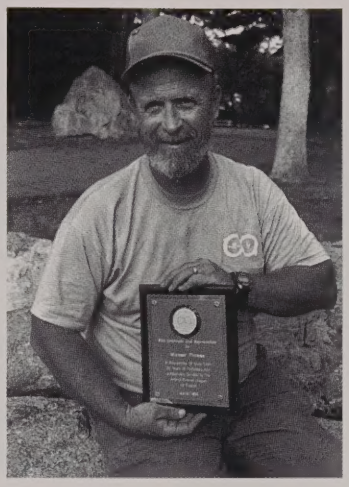
Schneider's subjects are willing and extremely photogenic. "People look at these photos and can't believe that these are shelter animals. They are well cared for and healthy, and that's what we at Salem want to promote," he explains. Schneider also photographed older cats, placed their photos at the Beverly Seniors Center, and began the "Older Cats for Older People" campaign in order to place those animals with senior companions. Pictures are apparently worth a thousand words, for the Salem branch has become inundated with calls in response to particular photos.

Volunteering for the Animal Rescue League has not only helped out Salem, but has also rewarded Schneider. "It creates a really good feeling, making a difference. I surpassed what I thought I could do," says Schneider.

In October, Schneider will hang up his camera and assistant Maria Ventula will continue the project. Therefore, at this time the League would like to thank Schneider for his special contribution. The kindness and compassion Schneider shows is evident in his work, and really promotes the League's message. If you are interested in doing similar work for area shelters, please call Rena Bly, Volunteer Program Coordinator, at **781-461-8015 ext. 24.**

Mike Thomas Marks a Quarter of a Century Plus at the League's Dedham Branch

For over 25 years, Mike Thomas has been a valued employee of the Animal Rescue League of Boston. He is one of a select few responsible for the beautiful grounds at the League's Pine Ridge Animal Center in Dedham. A large part of Mike's job is also helping families who have recently lost a pet with burials and cremation. A historian of sorts, Mike takes pride in sharing the stories of how the Pine Ridge Cemetery has grown over the years. Mike has also played the role of Santa for the League at Petoberfest and Christmas Dinner for Horses for many years. His dedication to the League continues to be invaluable. Thank you Mike!



Mike Thomas (a.k.a. Santa, a.k.a. Petoberfest clown, a.k.a. pet cemetery historian) pauses to pose with a plaque presented to him for 25 plus years of service to the League.

League Staffers are Preparing to Help Animals in any Terrain

Twenty animal welfare workers including eleven Animal Rescue League of Boston staff members attended a specialized training course this summer known as Technical Animal Rescue I. The program was taught by Nicolas Gilman of the American Humane Association and Donny Vilario of Rescue 3 International. League staff members Sharon Krogh, assistant director of operations, and Rigaud Lee, law enforcement inspector, assisted in the training. The course, which took place in Deerfield, Mass., dealt with the unique aspects of rescues in dangerous terrain and disaster related rescues.

The main focus of the course was repelling and navigating swift water. The group found the course to be interesting, fun and physically grueling. One important lesson was the necessity of teamwork to cross swift water. (Six inches of swift water can sweep away a lone person.) They came home exhausted but prepared to assist animals in need in our local area or wherever their special skills are needed.

League staff members Lisa Lagos and Britt Cronin are having fun and learning to safely navigate swift water.

Centennial Memories

Miss Muffett Found

I adopted her January 1984 at seven weeks old from the Boston shelter. A love she is. She has traveled with me in my car through all the New England states. When we return to a friend's house she remembers it, checks it out then she goes to the bedroom where I sleep.

On one occasion I had to stop at a house for an errand, only to come out and discover she was gone. Reason — some boys banging a skateboard frightened her, when I got out she went too.

I walked up and down the street ringing a bell — she always comes in when I ring a bell at home — I must have looked like the Town Crier! But no Miss Muffett.

I called the local animal officer and put an ad in the local paper — then I had to go home 75 miles away. The next morning I went back with pictures and notes of description. I went to residences on two streets to ask if they had seen her. I left notes when no one was home, calling her as I went. Everyone was so caring and kind offering to help but I finally gave up!

The next morning at 9:00 a.m. my phone rang. "We found your note and we think your cat is in our woodpile. She will not come out but she has eaten food we gave her. We have a very high fence so we think she will stay," they said. "I will be there in 72 minutes!" I answered. I went with food and water.

I went to the woodpile talking to her, she stuck her head out but did not come out so I dragged her leash and said, "I am going home" and out she came.

The family who found her was so nice. I offered a reward but they would not take it. They had lost a pet and knew the feeling. I went home singing.

Thank you Animal Rescue League for a wonderful 14 years of love from "a four footed friend". She is still well and smart as ever. — **Winona J. Weber**

(Loyal League member and former camp cook at the Animal Friends Summer Camp in the 1970s)

Fair Times

Abraham Rockwood, 81 years-old, was nice enough to write and tell us, "I still remember the Animal Rescue League fair at the Copley Plaza which I enjoyed for years. I still have a few things I bought at the fair as a youngster."

Adopting Older Cats: What You See Is What You Get

Many people come to a shelter because they want to rescue an animal. If this is the motivation, adopting an older cat is the perfect choice. Adult cats often spend the longest time in our shelters before finding homes. Many older cats have been uprooted from their homes where they were used to walking around at will, sleeping in their favorite chair, etc. Being in a shelter is even more traumatic for these animals. Taking one of these cats home would certainly be "rescuing" them.

The advantages of adopting an older cat are many. The primary reason is the ability to know up front what to expect. The personalities of kittens are still developing, while "what you see is what you get" with an adult cat. Young kittens usually do not like to be held—they are much too busy playing. With an adult cat you already know if it is a lap cat, how affectionate it is, and more. When adult cats are surrendered to the Animal Rescue League the animal's history is noted, which proves very useful when choosing a cat. Our adoption counselors can help make a good match by telling you about a cat's personality and which cats have lived with other cats or dogs. They also know specific facts such as if a cat is good with children, what it is afraid of, or if it likes to ride in a car. Choosing a cat that already seems to fit into one's lifestyle will make the adjustment for both cat and owner much easier.

Kittens are cute there is no doubt, but they are also a big responsibility. Caring for a kitten requires more time and energy in the first months. Kitten-proofing is a must. There are so many places that a little cat could get stuck and so many items he or she could break. Have you ever seen a kitten climb up a set of curtains? There seems to be no end to what a little kitten will attempt. Some people do not appreciate a little kitten jumping on top of them at 3 o'clock in the morning to play, while others find it endearing. It is not uncommon for kittens to be returned to the shelter for having too much energy or being too playful. Many people are up to the challenge of raising a kitten and kittens are certainly a lot of fun to have around. These warnings are not meant to discourage those who are prepared for the disruptions of a rambunctious little kitten, but rather to encourage careful consideration of whether a kitten fits into one's lifestyle.

Families with children often come to the shelter requesting a kitten, however young cats and young kids are not always a good match. Kittens are very delicate. Children in their eagerness can harm a kitten by squeezing it too hard. They can also inadvertently spark a defensive attack if they pull the kitten's tail. Although small, kittens could also hurt a child unintentionally. Kittens are still learning boundaries and they will play rough and bite or scratch playfully not knowing they can cause injury. Kittens have to be watched carefully to make sure that in their curiosity they do not harm themselves. Families with young children already have their hands full watching out for the children. Older cats are more independent and more laid back; this makes them a better choice for families.

Adult cats are not always the first choice when adopting a new pet, but they make wonderful companions. The next time you stop by a shelter please take a second look at our older cats.

Trim Your Tree with a Tribute to Your Pet

In memory of a beloved pet now deceased or as a tribute to your current companion(s), you are invited to purchase an Animal Rescue League of Boston Tribute Tree ornament. The cost per ornament is $10. The money raised will go toward helping other animals less fortunate than your special furry friend. The ornament is a gold snowflake with blue rhinestones and the League logo in the center. Your honored pet's name will be written on the back of the ornament, as well as the year of death, if the pet is deceased. All animals' names will be listed in the spring issue of Our Fourfooted Friends. You are also welcome to purchase one of these lovely ornaments on behalf of all animals (with no inscription on the back.)

The ornament will be sent to your home in time to place your special tribute on your own tree or holiday decoration. To order an ornament please send $10 along with your name, address and phone number, pet's name, and year of death (if deceased), to:

Animal Rescue League of Boston
Community Outreach Office
55 Anna's Place
Dedham, MA 02026.

For more information please call **781-461-8015 x-26.**

Name (only one animal per ornament please)

Address:

Phone Number:

Pet's Name:

Year of Death (if applicable)

On Behalf of all Animals (no inscription)

Animal Friendly Cab Companies

Thanks to Maureen Collins of the League's membership department for updating this valuable resource.

Arlington

Arlington Cab Co., Inc.	(781) 643-7600	Cats: in carriers only Dogs: injured or sick, carriers preferred notify dispatch in advance
Arlex Taxi Corp.	(781) 643-1200	Cats: preferably in carrier Dogs: seeing eye dogs only
AAA Cab	(781) 643-1201	same as above
Yellow Cab	(781) 648-1400	same as above

Boston

Boston Cab Association	(617) 262-2227	Cats: okay, Dogs: okay Sick or injured okay notify in advance, depends on driver
Brighton Cab	(617) 536-5010	Cats: in carriers only Dogs: small/med. size only, carrier preferred
Checker Suburban Taxi Service	(617) 536-7000	Cats: in carriers Dogs: leashed or in carrier sick/injured okay
Checker Taxi Co.	(617) 536-7500	Cats: in carriers, Dogs: okay sick/injured okay notify dispatch in advance
All Area Taxins and Transportation	(617) 536-1905	Notify dispatch in advance Depends on driver

Brookline/Jamaica Plain

Brookline Cab Company	(617) 739-5000	Notify dispatch in advance Depends on driver
Jamaica Plain	(617) 327-0703	Same as above

Cambridge

All Time Taxi of Cambridge	(617) 492-8294	Notify dispatch in advance Depends on driver
Ambassador Brattle Taxi	(617) 492-1100	Cats: okay, Dogs: okay
Cambridge Checker Cab	(617) 497-9000	Cats: okay, Dogs: okay
Cambridge Taxi Company	(617) 547-3000	Cats: okay, Dogs: okay Sick/injured okay- will dispatch immediately Notify dispatch in advance

Canton

Canton Town Taxi, Inc.	(781) 821-4242	Cats: in carrier Dogs: small/medium size in carrier. Seeing eye dogs, anything in carrier

Everett

Everett Taxi Assoc., Inc.	(617) 389-1000	Cats: In carriers only, notify in advance. No Dogs

Lexington

Taxi of Lexington	(781) 863-2626	Cats: okay, carrier preferred Dogs: small/medium size, prefer carriers Sick/injured okay if not messy and in carrier

Malden

Ace Cab Service	(781) 321-1010	Cats: okay, carrier preferred Dogs: okay, carrier preferred Sick/injured okay if not messy Animals must be accompanied

Medford

Blue Cab of Medford, Inc.	(781) 396-7777	Cats: okay Dogs: okay, carriers preferred Sick/injured okay in carrier Notify in advance

Hingham

Hingham Taxi Company	(508) 749-7070	Cats: okay in carriers Dogs: okay in carriers Notify in advance

Hull

Hull	(508) 925-4600	Cats: okay, Dogs: okay. Carriers preferred, notify in advance
Delta Taxi	(508) 925-3391	Same as above

Newton

Holden's Taxi, Inc.	(617) 244-2404	Cats: okay, carriers preferred No dogs

Randolph

Randolph Taxi	(781) 963-1690	Cats: in carriers. Dogs: depends on driver, notify in advance No sick/injured
Frank's Checker Cab	(781) 963-3386	Same as above
Friendly Cab	(781) 986-8700	Cats: okay, Dogs: okay Notify in advance

Revere

City Taxi, Inc.	(781) 284-4242	Cats: in carriers Dogs: small only No sick or injured

Roslindale

Forest Hills Independent Taxi Service	(617) 524-3300	Cats: in carriers Dogs: okay, depends on driver. Notify in advance

Stoughton

Bob's Taxi Co.	(781) 438-3887	Cats: in carrier Dogs: small/medium size in carrier. Sick/injured okay if in carrier

Sommerville

Green Cab Association	(617) 628-0600 623-6000 625-5000 625-3000	Cats: okay, Dogs: okay Notify in advance, depends on driver

Stoneham

Dynasty Airport Service	(781) 279-4050	Cats: in carriers, Dogs: okay Notify in advance

Waltham

Central Square Taxi	(781) 893-2000 (781) 894-2000	Cats: in carrier only Dogs: in carriers Sick/injured in carrier Notify dispatch in advance

Wellesley

College Taxi Co.	(781) 235-2200	Notify in advance, depends on driver

You're sure to fall in love with old Cape Cod... or at least our Brewster shelter

by Sonia Beals

Smile for the camera! Brewster Shelter Manager Lynda Brogden introduces a friend waiting to be adopted.

"That's a Rose of Sharon. We've got several more out in back of the building." Lynda Brogden, shelter manager, casually waves at the flowering tree when asked its name.

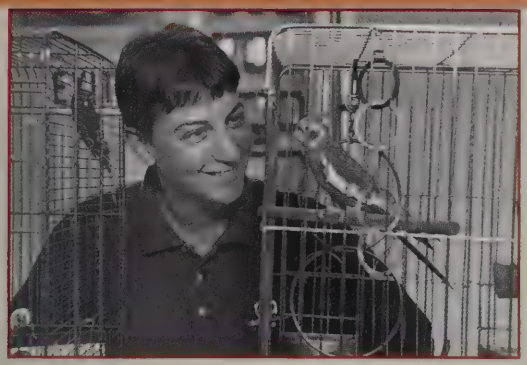
The beauty of picturesque Cape Cod is not lost on the League's Brewster branch, nestled on eight acres along Route 6A. Lynda acts as if she is welcoming a visitor to her home, rather than place of employment.

The outside dog runs face the flowering trees and through the open kennel doors much barking can be heard above this outside tour. The barks are symbolic of greetings as the voices of shelter employees cooing to their charges drift over the commotion.

The dog days of summer have arrived, but the hectic pace of the shelter office remains constant throughout the year. According to Lynda, the year-round population continues to grow. "More families are moving to the Cape," she says. "Unfortunately, the steady increase in population brings an increase in stray animals." Luckily, 90-95% of stray dogs brought to the Brewster shelter are reunited with their owners along with a $25 fine and reminder of the town leash law. "People have learned the importance of a collar and identification tags, now we have to enforce the need for

Kindness Uplifts The World

This is the story of over a century of humane service to animals. It is a story of the sheltering of the homeless, the care of the afflicted, the prevention of cruelty and the education of children and adults in kindness toward animals. It is a story of a dauntless personality, League founder Mrs. Huntington (Anna Harris) Smith, and those who followed her. Finally, it is the story of the growth of a great charitable enterprise.



Hello there! Shelter Agent Melyssa Jones spends some quality time chatting with "Baby" and "Buster".

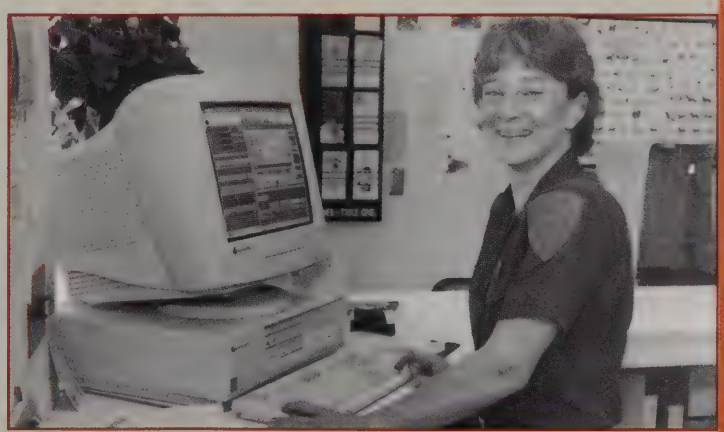
a leash. Not all animals are street-wise and one never knows what can happen when your pet is away from you-even for a short time. It's education and hopefully not learning the hard way," says a thoughtful Brogden.

As we enter the shelter, phones are ringing and a woman signs the visitor's book before going to meet and greet those special creatures in adoption. "I adopted my cat from you seven years ago," the woman says as she points to Lynda. "I've been here for 17 years, so I'm sure it must have been me," laughs Lynda. "How is your cat?" "Princess is fine but she needs another companion," says the woman. Around the corner into adoption she goes in search of a new four-footed family member.

Throughout this conversation, two birds waiting to be adopted have been chattering back and forth in their own birdspeak. We can only wonder what they are talking about. "Baby" the yellow parakeet and "Buster" the cockatiel vie for attention but shy away when approached. It's obvious they want to be noticed, even if it is at a respectable distance. Shelter Agent Melinda Lary has a kind word for the birds as she passes their cages. In fact, all of the employees have a kind word for everyone who walks through the door.

Operating since 1967, the Brewster shelter boasts four out of six employees who have been at the League for at least ten years. (On April 20, 1999, the shelter's four-footed staff member, "Hagler" passed away after several years as an official greeter. He is fondly remembered and sadly missed.) They operate as a family and their work ethic and teamwork are evident in their daily routine. There is an obvious compassion for people and their animal companions. During this particular visit, two distraught pet owners bring their pets to the shelter to say a final goodbye. Although she has been in this position countless times, Sandra Luppi, assistant shelter manager, listens intently to the grieving pet owners and offers words of comfort. If she were a nurse, Sandra would have an excellent bedside manner.

A short time later, a young man approaches the counter with a small bundle wrapped in a towel. "I didn't know what to do," he says solemnly, " a cat got to him." Inside the towel is a severely injured baby squirrel. The animal is carefully cradled and then humanely euthanized. Shelter Agent Melyssa Jones reassures the man that he has committed a most humane and kind act. He could have left the animal and continued on his way to work, but instead he took the time to help end the suffering of a defenseless animal.



Sandra Luppi, assistant shelter manager, is all smiles after sending a newly adopted cat to a loving home.

Timeline

1952 Golden Anniversary of Our Fourfooted Friends
Small animal clinic remodeled
Fifteenth Annual Fair held

1953 New building erected for "Animal Friends Summer School"

1954 Property purchased in Salem to replace Lynn branch

1955 Albany Street shelter taken by eminent domain by Commonwealth
Director approves erection of new headquarters building
Land purchased at corner of Tremont and Arlington Streets
Construction of new building begins
Construction of new branch shelter and home at Provincetown begins

1956 New Provincetown shelter completed
League moves into new headquarters October 8
Annual Fair held in auditorium of new headquarters
Dedication ceremonies of new headquarters held December 16th

1956 The League along with other organizations contests the legality of the pound seizure legislation passed in Massachusetts and carries the fight to the MA Supreme Judicial Court
The League's North Shore shelter is moved from Lynn to new quarters on Highland Avenue in Salem, with no interruption in service

Shelter Agent Melyssa Jones gratefully accepts a donation of towels from caring Brewster resident Anne Merritt.

Two years ago, the shelter family expanded to add volunteers to the fold. Approximately ten caring individuals assist in cleaning the 24 kennels and two cat condominiums, walking the dogs, socializing with the animals, performing administrative duties and greeting guests. "Our volunteers are wonderful," says Lynda. "Their help is appreciated and they are very dedicated to our cause."

During our conversation, the woman in search of a new feline companion returns to the counter to fill out an adoption application. She has fallen under the spell of an older white cat aptly named "Romeo." The papers are completed, an interview takes place, references are checked and the adoption is approved. Romeo and his new Juliet leave the shelter and begin their journey of many years of happiness.

The staff of the Brewster shelter welcomes you! Left to right: Shelter Agents Melyssa Jones and Melinda Lary, Manager Lynda Brogden, Assistant Shelter Manager Sandra Luppi.

The activities inside the shelter may be hectic, but the outside services keep the staff equally busy. Lynda, a special state appointed humane police officer, investigates neglect and cruelty cases for the entire Cape and Islands. The shelter handles animal control services for Brewster and Orleans and also houses stray animals for the towns of Dennis and Harwich. In addition, the shelter takes larger hard-to-place dogs from the League's inner city branches and tries to find homes in the rural setting of the Cape. All of the League's shelters strive to find appropriate loving homes for animals in adoption and will frequently rotate dogs and cats to a more suitable shelter location.

The Brewster staff is visible in the community through their humane work and also through promotional efforts. Each Thursday at 8:15 a.m., a staff member can be heard on FM radio station WCOD 106.1 touting a pet of the week and offering pet care tips. Additional pet of the week features can be found in the Cape Codder newspaper. Community businesses have held fundraisers for the branch and many kind citizens drop off blankets and towels for use in lining cages.

Each year for the past several seasons, shelter agent Dawn Lee has made the trek to the League's Animal Friends Summer Camp in North Falmouth. She teaches a small pet care class during the pre-season week when students from Jamaica Plain visit the camp, and she also informs campers about the multi-faceted rescue work that the shelter routinely performs. During the year, Dawn also visits schools to teach children about proper pet care and responsibility. "Any opportunity to educate children about proper pet care and humane issues is something I cherish," says Lee.

1958 The federal Humane Slaughter Bill, supported by the League, passes by Congress.

1959 League celebrates its 50th Anniversary. International Society for the Protection of Animals incorporated with League President Dr. Carlton E. Buttrick as director and temporary treasurer.

1960 League acquires four acres of land for expansion of Pine Ridge Cemetery in Dedham.

1961 The first Anna Harris Smith Award is given to Mrs. Margaret Morse Coffin, a League Director for fifty years of service. Dr. Carlton E. Buttrick is first elected President of the International Society for the Protection of Animals.

1962 Mrs. John M. B. Churchill, only living incorporator of the League, receives the Anna Harris Smith Award for her many contributions in the field of humane endeavors.

1963 The new Sheldon Branch Shelter in Salem is dedicated November 19th. Chief Investigator Archie MacDonald presented with Anna Harris Smith Award for fifty years of service.

1965 Brother Buzz Summer School started at League Headquarters.

1966 Thomas C. Justice, president of the American Humane Association, receives the Anna Harris Smith Award for twenty-five years of service in the child and animal protection movement.

1967 New Brewster shelter opened on Cape Cod to replace Provincetown shelter.

1968 Rutherford T. Phillips, Executive Director of the American Humane Association, receives the Anna Harris Smith Award for thirty years of lasting contributions to the humane cause.

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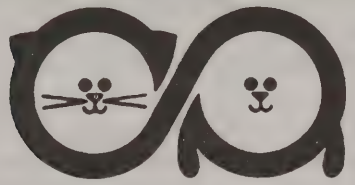
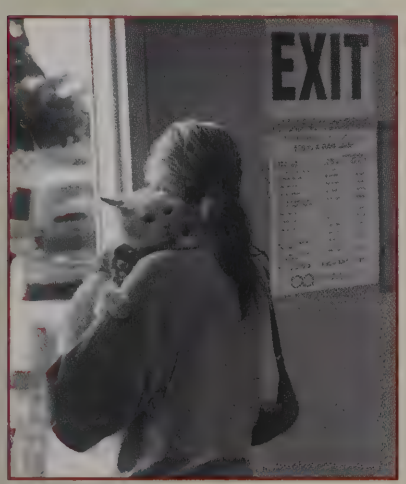


HELPING ANIMALS SINCE 1899

I'm going home! Shelter Agent Melyssa Jones and feline friend celebrate the moment.

As our visit comes to a close, Lynda is asked if she has any message for our readers. Immediately she responds. "Please, please spay and neuter your pets. Pet overpopulation is a universal problem and we are far from being immune on the Cape. We have an abundance of animal lovers and caring pet owners in our community, but the number of folks who let their unaltered pets run free is escalating. Free-roaming pets lead to unwanted litters. We have a special fund in place to assist those year-round residents who need financial assistance in having their pets altered. (Information on the Grace and Elliot Marks Fund may be found in a side bar accompanying this article.) Call us at **508-255-1030** and we will gladly send out an application for a spay/neuter certificate."

Parting words of thanks to the staff of the Brewster shelter are cut short as ringing phones, chirping birds and new clients at the counter interrupt good-byes. One last aroma of the Rose of Sharon trees before departing. Business as usual.



Joyce Erlitz (a.k.a. Juliet) and her newly adopted "Romeo" share a hug before the handsome feline is placed in a carrier for the ride home.

Overpopulation is an epidemic that responsible pet owners can help to curb. Please spay and neuter your pets.

Grace and Elliot Marks Fund Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program

Spaying and neutering of pets is the only solution to the pet overpopulation crisis. Thanks to a generous donation from the Marks family, spay and neuter operations are now accessible to low income Cape Cod residents. Full-time residents of Cape Cod who can demonstrate financial need are encouraged to apply for assistance from the Grace and Elliot Marks Fund Spay/Neuter Program. Based on need, a certificate for the spay/neuter operation is issued to the pet owner. The certificate is then redeemed at the office of a local veterinarian participating in the program. Certificates include the spay/neuter surgery and do not include services not directly pertaining to the procedure. Routine exams and vaccinations, for example, are not covered. Please call the Brewster branch of the Animal Rescue League at **508-255-1030** for an application. All information is kept confidential.

1969 Two distinguished humanitarians Luther Hass Hvass and Sir Charles Wookey receive the Anna Harris Smith Award at the 5th biennial meeting of ISAA.

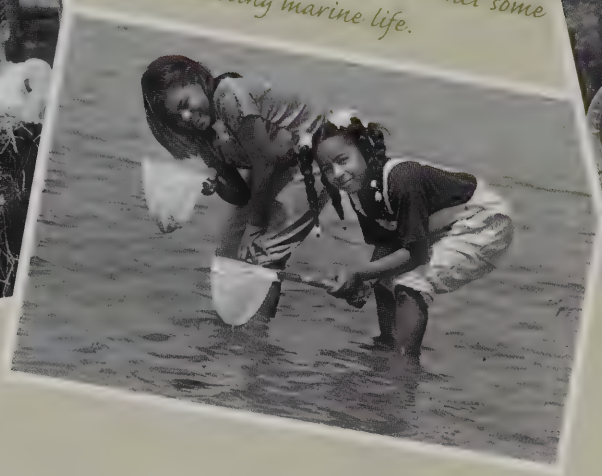
1970 First rabies clinic held at League headquarters in response to state ruling that all dogs be immunized

1971 Dog Obedience classes initiated at League headquarters
Guy Mann received the Anna Harris Smith Award for seventeen years of service to the League and his efforts to educate children and adults in the humane treatment of animals.
Thomas Becker Executive Director of the New York S.P.C.C. received the Anna Harris Smith Award

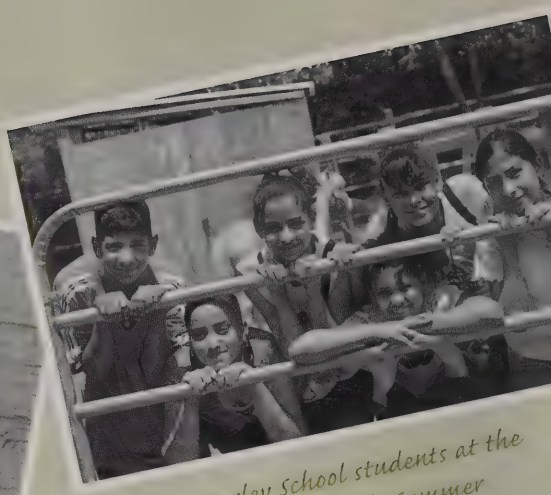
1972 City of Boston Animal Control Commission created with Dr. Carlton E. Buttrick as first Chairman.

1974 League celebrates its 75th Anniversary
Brewster shelter expanded
Charles W. Friedrichs, Executive Vice President of the San Francisco S.P.C.A. receives the Anna Harris Smith Award after forty years of dedication to humane ideals and programs

Mary E. Curley School student Hana Marquez gives "Sophie" a lunch time snack.



Curley School students Dantel Proctor and Wendy Svero net some interesting marine life.



Curley School students at the Animal Friends Summer Camp Corral.

The Animal Friends Summer Camp Celebrates 50th Season

The weather was kind to the campers at the League's Animal Friends Summer Camp in Cataumet, Mass. Warm sunshine, an enthusiastic group of counselors and an abundance of campers helped to make the 50th season of camp very special.

Approximately 500 campers between the ages of 6 and 12 years spent a good portion of their summer vacation learning about horses, cows, pigs, goats, sheep, chickens, rabbits, birds, fish, hamsters and guinea pigs. Thanks to a generous bequest from the Baxendale family, the 26-acre American Camping Association accredited camp was established to create an atmosphere where children could learn about proper pet care and responsibility. The mission was and continues to be one that instills respect for animals, the environment and ultimately, self.

Annually for the past several years, sixth grade students from the Mary E. Curley School in Jamaica Plain, have taken part in a humane education program through the Animal Rescue League of Boston. March through May, League humane educators visit the school and lecture about pet care and responsibility. In June, during the pre-camp season, the students are invited to spend a week at camp learning about the farm animals, small pet care and ocean ecology. This year, over 60 students joined in the fun. Keeping with tradition, a tree was planted in their honor on the last day of their visit.

The Animal Friends Summer Camp is a haven. In the next few pages, we invite you to share in our scrapbook of summer memories. Highlights include our annual pet show at Nye Field in North Falmouth, candids of students from Curley School, and an article by our Florence Buttrick Award recipient Kathryn Sullivan. Each summer, the management staff of the camp chooses a counselor who best exemplifies the qualities of kindness, humane spirit, cooperation and leadership. Kate is a dedicated, compassionate counselor and is well deserving of this award named after the late wife of former League President Carlton Buttrick. She is currently in her senior year at Boston College.

Applications for camp are annually mailed in February. Please call Sonia Beals at 781-461-8015, ext. 23 if you would like to be put on the mailing list.

Marine Life 101. Curley School student Esther Rivera finds a surprise in a shell during a beach walk at the Animal Friends Summer Camp.

"Carly's" fan club gathers around during horse care class. (Front row l to r: Steve Zine, Jill Noone, Courtney Lee. Back row l to r: Kelsey Thomas, Hannah Burr, Mark Favulli, Victoria Lazzari.)

Life on the Farm and at Camp

by Kate Sullivan

How many hands high? Wheel barrel waders Maggie and T.J. Flatley compare height with "Pete" and Horse Care Counselor Kate Sullivan.

"Marvin" is the alarm clock that never fails! At 7 a.m. I hear the crow of that rooster and my day begins. In the calm and beauty of the morning, I walk over to the Animal Friends Summer Camp's KiWunKa Farm. As I slide the barn door open, I am greeted with squeals and baahs. I start to make breakfast for "the kids" while being serenaded by them-them being the goats, sheep and of course, pigs. I unlock their stalls and quickly step to the side in order to let the goats and sheep race by to their outdoor pens where this feast awaits.

How many campers does it take to wash a cow? Only "Sophie" knows for sure.

Next comes my favorite part of the day, chasing the pigs to their outdoor pen. On occasion my good little pigs trot straight into their pen. However, there are those rare days when my social pigs feel the need to say hello to all of the other farm animals.

Off in the distance, I hear a loud "mooooo" from our cow, "Sophie." I think she is just making sure that I don't forget about breakfast. I wonder what would happen if I was ever late to a feeding-I don't think I would want to find out. I quickly fill the wheel barrel with grain hay and of course, pitch forks. What would a day be like without cleaning paddocks? "Sophie" is eagerly awaiting her grain and before the bucket even touches the ground, she is finished. Next I feed our five well-mannered horses.

After feeding and cleaning, there is a moment of peace throughout the farm. As I begin to feel the warmth of the day I am content watching my happy and satisfied animals. However, I cannot get too relaxed because the clock is approaching 8:30 a.m. and the campers will be arriving any second. I take one more glimpse of my animals and then off to camp.

The 1999 staff of the Animal Friends Summer Camp.

thank you!

Thank you to the following individuals and groups who graciously donated the use of their animals for instruction at the Animal Friends Summer Camp. Our campers learned how to care for, feed, bathe, and appreciate our animals friends thanks to your support and generosity.

"Piggly" and Wiggly" the pigs:
Bristol County Agricultural High School

"Nicole" the sheep and "Gertrude" and "Henrietta" the hens:
Arlene Perry, Cataumet, MA

"Marvin" the rooster:
Animal Rescue League of Boston and the Downing family

"Mary" and "Jane" the lambs and "Holly" and "Eve" the kid goats:
Heifer Project International, Rutland, MA

"Sophie" the cow:
Bob DiCroce, Taunton, MA

"Carly" the pony:
League Law Enforcement Officer Dianne Begonis

"Pete" the horse:
Ipswich Equine Rescue

"Jessica" and "Melody" the horses:
Animal Rescue League of Boston

"Sissy" the horse:
Animal Rescue League of Boston and Bristol County Agricultural High School

I am always amazed at how early the cars line up for camp. I can't decide whether it is the children or the parents who are excited for the day to begin. By 9:15 a.m. all of the campers have arrived. The campers and counselors gather around the flagpole. Our day officially begins with the raising of the flag. Song time follows and I tend to get hungry as we sing the all-time favorite, "Doughnut Shop Song."

The bell rings that signals it is class time. My ten campers and I are off to the farm to learn about horses. The temperature is approaching 80 degrees, which makes it a perfect day to bathe the horses. Bath day is always fun because not only do the horses get a bath but the campers and myself seem to get one as well. Well, the horses look clean and the campers don't look too shabby either.

Class ends and we head back to camp where a guest speaker is waiting for us. Special Event is followed by lunch. You could never say anything bad about lunch!

The last part of the day is hobby time and my specialty is Team Sports. I round up the troops for an intense game of basketball. Soon we hear the last bell of the day that signals us to gather around the flagpole. "Day is done, gone the sun..." These are the parting words sung as each camp day ends. Another outstanding day by campers and counselors.

I can hardly believe camp season has come and gone. The phrase "time flies when you are having fun" definitely applies to camp. The 50th camp season was a great success due to the charisma of the hard working staff. To choose one MVC (most valuable counselor) must have been difficult with all the talent that was evident this summer. Many thanks for awarding me the Florence E. Buttrick award. I am deeply honored.

Fondly,

Kate Sullivan

Kate Sullivan

Mally Anderson greets the goats on the farm at the Animal Friends Summer Camp.

Which came first? John Kaye ponders the age-old question with one of the camp's hens, affectionately referred to as the "Bridge Club."

Pet Show

Joseph Ragone and "Jasmine" celebrate a second place win in the girl-dog category.

2. "Bart" gets a well-deserved hug from owner Nathan Almeida after taking second place in the boy-dog category.

3. Colby Fish gets a squeeze from her pet snake after winning first place in the miscellaneous pets with four feet or less category.

Maggie Flatley and "Bugsley" make a pretty pair. "Bugsley" seems to be very content with his second place ribbon.

A proud "Isabel" poses with her Best in Show regalia.

6. Haley Swimm (front left) and "Isabel" gather in the winner's circle with judges (back l to r: Gwen Beals, Sr. Training and Humane Education Instructor Alan Cunningham, League President Arthur Slade and Humane Educator Valerie Kostaras.

Way to go, "Tweety!" Dan Flatley proudly shows off his feathered friend who took home a ribbon in the miscellaneous pets category.

Aislinn and Bethany Donovan and their feline friends "Velvet" and "Mopsey" take the spotlight.

Animal Fri

Editor's Note: In keeping with the League's Centennial Celebration, the following is a turn-of-the-century Thanksgiving story for children written by our founder, Anna Harris Smith.

A Happy Thanksgiving

By Anna Harris Smith

It was the night before Thanksgiving and cold enough for snow. The wind was blowing in sharp gusts, as if to drive every living creature into some shelter.

"Mother is late tonight," Martin said, anxiously. "I think it is bad to keep her so late the night before Thanksgiving."

"I suppose she is finishing a dress that somebody is going to wear tomorrow," said Ruth. "Everybody but us seems to be going away or having company. We have nowhere to go and nobody to visit us."

A gust of wind swept down the street just then and rattled the blinds. When it died out Ruth said: "I thought I heard a cat crying in the back yard. It may be that poor cat that we saw the other day running away from our garbage pail.

Martin and Ruth looked out of the kitchen window into the back yard. In the moonlight they saw a cat crouching against the shed door mewing pitifully.

"She is asking us to let her in," said Martin.

"You get a saucer of bread and milk. I am sure mother would let us have it, and I will try to coax her in." Saying this, Ruth went into the shed and opened the door very softly.

The cat ran away a step or two, and mewed mournfully as she looked up into Ruth's face. Ruth held the door open and stepped out of sight. She called gently, "Kitty, kitty," and the cat came in, but was ready to run if anyone tried to catch her.

Martin opened the kitchen door a little way and handed Ruth the saucer of bread and milk. Ruth put the food on the floor, as far from the outside door as she could. With a look into Ruth's kind face, the starving cat approached the saucer.

"Now we have her! Won't mother be glad!" Ruth exclaimed.

As the children were about to sit down the bell rang. A slender little woman loaded with bundles stood in the doorway. The eager children dragged her into the hall, took her bundles, and led her into the warm dining room.

Ruth and Martin helped to open the packages of nuts, raisins, apples, oranges, cranberries, squash, and sweet potatoes. As they spread the food on the table, Ruth remembered the little stranger in the shed.

"The poor kitty that you pitied so much is in our shed, mamma, but it is so cold there that I think you will want us to bring her in here," said Ruth.

"Oh, I am so glad, Ruth! I have been thinking about the poor animals out in the cold tonight, with no one to feed them or give them shelter.

Mrs. Belton went out into the shed and found the cat crouching in one corner. "Run in and get that basket in the closet," she said to Ruth. "Put a piece of blanket in it, for she needs a bed."

In a moment, Ruth came back with the basket and blanket. They carried her to the warm closet underneath the stairs in their home.

Thanksgiving morning was cloudy and cold. The children were up early, but when they came downstairs, they found their mother busy cooking good things for the day.

"We have company, children," Mrs. Belton said cheerfully; "we have three Thanksgiving guests."

"Where are they?" Ruth asked.

Mrs. Belton opened the closet door and a loud purring came from within. "Come take a peep," she said. There in the basket was the homeless cat, her eyes full of mother love as she washed two of the sweetest little kittens that the children had ever seen.

It was a happy day for all, and after a good dinner they stepped softly to the closet door and looked in a moment. "It has been such a good day," said Ruth. "Martin and I thought we weren't going to have a Thanksgiving at all."

"The reason why we have all enjoyed the day so much is because we were giving happiness as well as receiving it," said Mrs. Belton.

"Good night, little kitty! Good night, dearest mother," the children said as they went smiling up to bed.

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Dear Gretel,

Is it OK if I give my dog turkey bones?

This is a common question I receive around the holiday season. Though chewing is an important exercise for dogs at all stages of their life, it is our responsibility as pet owners to pick the appropriate items. Bones that come from our dinner plates should never be used as chew toys. Bones from turkeys and chickens are hollow and can break and splinter, causing pieces to get lodged in a dog's throat. This can result in your pet choking to death. Bones from hams and steaks can become contaminated with bacteria after a while and cause your dog to become ill. These bones can also break off, and cause your pet to choke.

If you are looking for a safe alternative, I recommend nylon bones made by the Nylabone Company. These bones are made out of solid nylon and will pass through your dog's digestive tract. They will not break or splinter, and satisfy the chewing needs of both teething puppies and older dogs. You only need to select the size and style you find appropriate for your pet. Rawhide bones can also be given, but they become soggy with saliva after a while, and small pieces can break off and pose as a choking hazard. Never leave your dog alone when he's chewing on rawhide!

Be sure to dispose of the bones from your dinner plate where your pet cannot reach them. Most dogs and cats are masters of getting into the trash, and reach the bones that can pose as a hazard. Keep your pets safe by doing your part to keep harmful bones out of their diet. Happy Thanksgiving and holidays to all!

friends of the quarter

Champion collector Nancy Jill Dean

When it comes to helping out homeless animals, Nancy Jill Dean of Brookline is there with an open heart and many dog food labels. Over the course of a year, the ambitious fifth grader has collected and sent in over 100 Cycle dog food labels; when redeemed the labels raise money for Heinz's Homeless Pets Program. The Animal Rescue League thanks Nancy for her generosity and dedication to animal causes.

If you or someone you know has been performing good deeds on behalf of our animal friends, send us a photo and letter with all the details! If we publish your story, we'll send you a League t-shirt! Send entries to:

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Animal Rescue League of Boston
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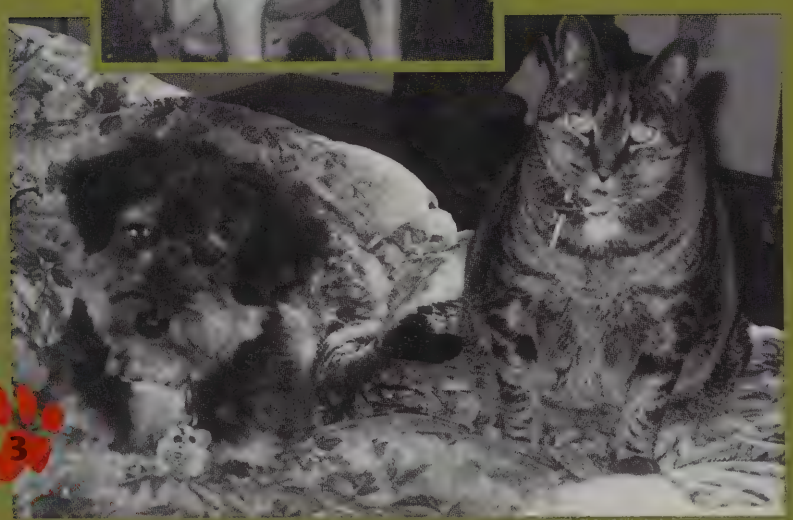
Participants must be twelve years of age or younger.

Pets in the



1. "'Buster' has been a joy to our whole family for the past eight years. We all love Buster, he has been a great pet, he seems happy and is very healthy," reports Kathy Pilarski of Cambridge. "Thank you for being there for us. I wanted you to see how beautiful Buster turned out. He was five months old when we adopted him," writes Kathy.

2. "'Harry' (right) is very people-oriented and very affectionate. We could not have asked for a nicer cat," say Bill and Ann Locke, of Pocasset, of their new addition to the family. He and "Art" are both spoiled rotten (and love every minute of it.)"

3. These two ARL alums seemed to have found a comfy place to sit. "Toby" (dog) was adopted from the Dedham shelter and "Max" (cat) came from the Boston shelter. "Toby fit right in and loves his new home. We all fell in love right away," writes Janice White-Leif of Westwood of her newest family member.

4. "Melissa" was adopted from the Boston shelter by Rose Mandelbaum of Brookline. "Melissa" is pictured in "one of her (many) resting places," Rose tells us. "She is a delightful kitty!"

5. League member Eleanor Guarino couldn't resist sending in this adorable photo of her friend's cats. Owner Donna MacDonald calls this picture The Twins — Waiting for Daddy. Aren't "Shicky" (l.) and "Shadow" (r.) cute?

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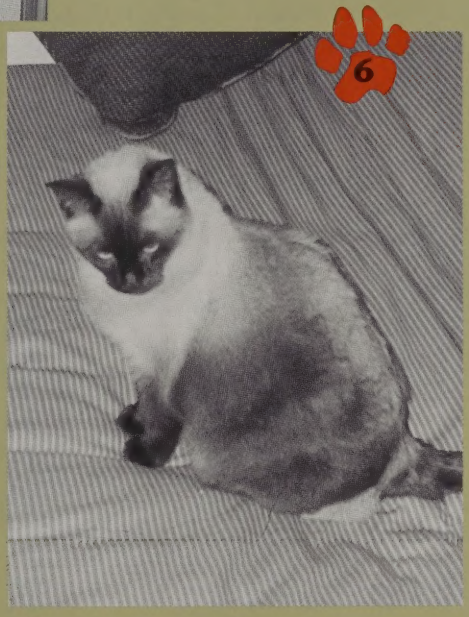

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6. The following delightful poem was inspired by Cullen Jones' cat "Gina."

GINA

by Jessica E. Jensen, 9 years old

Gina is a cat.
She's used to people like grown-ups.
Likes to hide in Briget's room
A brush she likes
and a pat on the bottom.
Is your cat like Gina?
Gina is the best!!!!

• Gone But Not Forgotten •

"Mr. Gumba"

"Mr. Gumba" (above left) was the beloved dog of Nelda and Vern (pictured) Laws. He was lucky to be a part of a special family filled with love for animals. "Mr. Gumba" will be missed not only by the Laws, but by his three canine companions and his three feline friends, all adoptees from shelters.

Never Forget

I'll never forget the day
I first gazed into your eyes
And you gave me
That come hither stare
That told me
I belonged to no one but you.

I'll never forget the way
My pulse quickened
At the thought of making you mine
Or how my heart pounded
Furiously against my chest
A percussion procession of compassion.

I'll never forget the feeling
The first time we touched
The uncertainty
That certainly made you mine
The protectiveness that came
From out of nowhere
And a love that filled me
Everywhere.

I'll never forget the times
We shared meals together
And I would tell you
About my day, my dreams
My secrets
And you would quietly let me
Have my say.

I'll never forget the moment
I had to say goodbye
How my heart felt
As if it had been wrenched
From my chest
How the tears flowed
As if there were no tomorrow
How my soul ached
With loneliness.

You will come by many names
And yet always remain
A beloved pet
A friend, a companion, a confidante,
And you will touch our lives
In ways we will never forget.

— Melyssa Jones
(Shelter Agent at the Brewster branch)

Pet Loss Group

The loss of a beloved pet can be a difficult experience. The League is now offering support services to the public. If you are interested in participating in a group or have questions about pet loss, please call Marcia Lowry Maloney, LMHC at **617-426-9170 ext. 430.**

Thank you to the many thoughtful animal lovers who take time to stop at our shelter locations to drop off blankets, towels and toys. Your kindness provides comfort, warmth and happiness to our furry friends.

Sit Up & Beg

The staff at the League has developed the following "wish list" of items that would add to the safety, care, or comfort of our animal friends. If you would like to donate any of these items, or contribute a portion of the funds needed to purchase a piece of equipment, please call **(781) 461-8015, ext. 23 or ext. 26.**

Towels and Blankets

Used to line cages for comfort and warmth, as well as in ambulances and after bathing.

Cat and Dog Toys (still in packaging)

Used to help reduce the stress level of the animals while in the shelter.

Neoprene Waders – 4 pairs

Would be used by Boston and Salem shelters for waterfowl rescues; $125 each

35mm Camera with Zoom Lens

Used to take photos of animals for pet of the week and adoption spotlights at events; $120

Polaroid Camera with Close-up Lens

Used in Dedham shelter to take photos of animals for adoption spotlights in local area; $50

Thank You

We would like to gratefully thank the following friends for their generous contributions:

Boats and Equipment donated to the Animal Friends Summer Camp

Robert Byrne
(12' fiberglass dingy and 2 moorings)

Edward Smith and Steve Gilholly
(Tequila Sunrise Hobie Cat with gear)

Discounted Rescue Equipment for Rescue Training

The League appreciates the assistance of The Wilderness House in Boston in providing discounted rescue equipment including climbing rope, rock helmets and rescue harnesses.

Thank you to Louanne Prior and the Boston Pooch Parade Committee for their generous donation.

One Act of Kindness Rewarded By Another

When Zeke, a German Shepherd, became lost his owner Anne Walsh was frantic. Happily, Zeke was soon found by Melissa Sullivan. Anne was so grateful to Melissa that she offered her a reward but Melissa declined. Instead, she suggested a donation be made to the Animal Rescue League of Boston because that is where Melissa adopted her own dog. Anne Walsh generously donated $500 in Melissa Sullivan's name. Thank you to two very kindhearted people.

Young Boy Shares His Special Day With His Animal Friends

All the guests at Cliff Spital's recent Bar Mitzvah were asked to bring gifts for homeless cats and dogs rather than the guest of honor. After the big event, Cliff presented the gifts to the staff at the Dedham shelter along with $200 and even more toys, blankets and biscuits. Congratulations to Cliff and thank you for your generosity.

Special Centennial Celebration Prices

Show your support

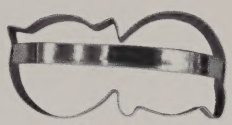
and help spread awareness of the Animal Rescue League of Boston by wearing and using these new League items!

All of these promotional items may be purchased at League locations in Boston, Brewster, Dedham and Salem, or may be ordered by mail.

Sweatshirt
(S, M, L, XL)
$14.00 ea.

T-Shirt
(S, M, L, XL)
$7.00 ea.

Centennial Coffee Mug
$2.00 ea.



Cookie Cutter
$4.00 ea.

Tote Bag
$9.00 ea.

Water Bottle
$1.00 ea.

Blue Ribbon Pin
$3.00 ea.

Baseball Hats

"ARL Logo" Hat
$9.00 ea.

"Centennial Hat"
$10.00 ea.

Please send me:

Quantity	Item	Size	Cost
Total *(Please add $3.00 for shipping and handling for orders $10 and over or if ordering two or more ceramic mugs.)*			

NAME

STREET

CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE NUMBER

Enclosed is my check or money order in the amount of $ _____ made payable to the Animal Rescue League of Boston. (Please remember shipping and handling charge if applicable.) Please allow 6-8 weeks for delivery.

Mail to: **Animal Rescue League of Boston**
P.O. Box 265, Boston, MA 02117

Mark Your Calendar!

Please join us for this upcoming League event. If you have questions please call the Community Outreach Office at 781-461-8015.

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DECEMBER

14 "86th Holiday Dinner For Horses"

Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.
Faneuil Hall Marketplace
(Congress Street side, behind City Hall)

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